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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, which starts with "The mast section maintaining mechanism" with the following amended paragraph:

--The means for selectively maintaining the mast section at a substantially stable position ~~mast section maintaining mechanism~~ may include a flexible halyard for hoisting and lowering the sail when same is secured to the movable mast. The means for selectively maintaining the mast section at a substantially stable position ~~mast section maintaining mechanism~~ may further include a cleat member that has a pair of outwardly projecting horns about which the halyard may be wrapped so that the mast section can be maintained at a substantially stable position. The means for selectively maintaining the mast section at a substantially stable position ~~mast section maintaining mechanism~~ may further include a zipper member attached to the sail for assisting to maintain the sail about the movable mast.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, which starts with "The mast section maintaining mechanism 34" with the following amended paragraph:

--The means for selectively maintaining the mast section at a substantially stable position ~~mast section maintaining mechanism~~ 34 includes a flexible halyard 35 for hoisting and lowering the sail 36 when same is secured to the movable mast 32. The means for selectively maintaining the mast section at a substantially stable position ~~mast section maintaining mechanism~~ 34 further includes a cleat member 36 that has a pair of outwardly projecting horns 37 about which the halyard 35 may be wrapped so that the mast section 30 can be maintained at a substantially stable position. The means for selectively maintaining the mast section at a substantially stable position ~~mast section maintaining mechanism~~ 34 further includes a hook and loop fastener 38, such as VELCRO, attached to the sail 36 for assisting to lower the sail 36 secured to the movable mast 32, as perhaps best shown in FIG. 3. Of course, other conventional fastening members may be employed without departing from the true scope of the

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scope of the invention. Once sailing action is completed for the day, the sail 36 may be lowered by releasing the hook and loop fastener 38. Once the mast section 30 is disconnected and the sail 36 rolled up, the present invention may be easily transported atop a car or trailer.—